

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 3-19 are currently pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The amendments to claim 1 is supported throughout the present specification and claim 2, as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the application is kindly requested in view of the remarks below.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first second paragraph for the additional term “and.” Applicant has amended to the claim to remove this additional term. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is kindly requested.

Claims Rejection under 35U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Shin Etsu Chem. Co. Ltd. (JP 56-150026) (Shin) and TCI Europe N.V. (Abstract 1999). The rejection is respectfully traversed and rendered moot.

In particular, as indicated above, claim 1 has been combined with claim 2. As appreciated by the Office, the references do not describe or suggest the process described in canceled claim 2. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 5, 8, 9, 10, 16 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Shin Etsu Chem CO Ltd. (JP 56-150026) (Shin) in view of Metz et al. (US 5,767,330). The rejection is respectfully traversed and rendered moot.

In particular, as indicated above, claim 1 has been combined with claim 2. As appreciated by the Office, the references do not describe or suggest the process described in canceled claim 2. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve in any way to advance the prosecution of this application, the undersigned is available at the telephone number noted below.

Applicant believes a one-month extension of time fee is due with this response, in which payment has been made currently with the filing of this Amendment. If any additional fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 13156-00041-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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